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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1962

MEMORANDUM TO: Hon. George W. Ball
Under Secretary of State

The President has approved the attached, for immediate action in accordance with our phone conversation. The President wants to get instructions in operation in New York this afternoon.

McGeorge Bundy

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cc: State Secretariat

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The following modifications in the draft U. S. statement on Cuba were approved by the President on December 6 for immediate presentation to Soviet negotiators:

1. In paragraph 2, omission of the clause "and quoted in the Acting Secretary General's letter of October 28."
2. In paragraph 6, the second sentence to begin, "A procedure was arranged in cooperation with the USSR"...
3. In paragraph 9, the proviso on offensive weapons to read, "provided no nuclear weapons and no offensive weapons systems are present in or reintroduced into Cuba"...
- In the same paragraph, the clause on Cuban action against the Western Hemisphere to read, "and provided Cuba does not commit aggressive acts against any nation of the Western Hemisphere,"...
4. The next to last paragraph to be replaced by the following:
"Pending such time as arrangements can be effected to provide the safeguards necessary to ensure that no such weapons systems are maintained or reintroduced into Cuba, the United States will employ such other means of observation and verification as may be necessary!"

5. The final paragraph to read as follows:

"The undertakings stated herein do not alter or impair the rights and obligations of the United States under all existing treaties to which it is a party."

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6. The President further indicated his willingness to accept modification of the sentence in paragraph 5 relating to withdrawal of all Soviet military units and personnel, but only in the event that there was progress toward agreement on other aspects of the draft declaration,

7. It was further understood that in the event of failure to reach early agreement on this revised draft, the United States would reserve the right to reframe its entire declaration in the light of Soviet refusal to reach such agreement and other Soviet positions that might be advanced.

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S/S Mr. Brubaker
Here it is
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DRAFT US STATEMENT ON CUBA IN SECURITY COUNCIL

In letters of President Kennedy on October 27 and of Premier Khrushchev and President Kennedy on October 28, 1962, firm undertakings were made regarding the settlement of the Cuban crisis.

These undertakings were stated in President Kennedy's letter of October 27 along the following lines:

- (1) The USSR would agree to remove from Cuba, under appropriate United Nations observation and supervision, all weapons systems capable of offensive use and would undertake, with suitable safeguards, to halt the further introduction of such weapons systems into Cuba.
- (2) The United States would agree—upon the establishment of adequate arrangements through the United Nations to ensure the carrying out and continuation of these commitments—(a) to remove promptly the quarantine measures now in effect, and (b) to give assurances against an invasion of Cuba. The President also expressed his confidence that other nations of the Western Hemisphere would be prepared to do likewise.

The United States notes the statement made by the Soviet Union that all medium and intermediate range missiles, all nuclear weapons and

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components have been removed from Cuba, that all IL-28 bomber aircraft will be removed by December 20th, and that all sites for medium range and intermediate range missiles have been dismantled. (It notes also that the USSR has stated its intention to withdraw all military units and personnel placed there for the servicing or guarding of these weapons systems.) The United States notes further the statements of the USSR that no weapons capable of offensive use will be introduced into Cuba in the future. We welcome these statements and assurances.

The undertakings in the President's letter of October 27, that the United Nations would be enabled to verify the removal of missiles and bombers and the destruction of sites, and that United Nations safeguards would be agreed upon to ensure against further introduction into Cuba of weapons systems capable of offensive use, have not been fulfilled. A procedure was arranged in cooperation with the USSR, under which United States naval vessels have received substantial verification that Soviet vessels leaving Cuba have carried away the number of missiles which the USSR had certified to the United States as having been in Cuba. The Soviet Union has also agreed to similar form of verification of the impending withdrawal of all IL-28 bomber aircraft introduced into Cuba.

In view of the steps that have been taken by the Soviet Union to date:

the United States on its part, as of November 20, 1962, lifted the quarantine instituted on October 23, 1962, and the United States further

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gives assurance that, provided no nuclear weapons and no offensive weapons systems are present in or reintroduced into Cuba, and provided Cuba does not commit aggressive acts against any nation of the Western Hemisphere, it does not intend, as the President made clear at his press conference on November 20, to invade Cuba or support an invasion of Cuba.

Pending such time as arrangements can be effected to provide the safeguards necessary to ensure that no such weapons systems are maintained or reintroduced into Cuba, the United States will employ such other means of observation and verification as may be necessary.

The undertakings stated herein do not alter or impair the rights and obligations under all existing treaties to which the United States is a party.

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The following modifications in the draft U.S. statement on

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Cuba as contained Deptel 1369, as modified by Deptel 1360 were approved by the President on December 5 for immediate presentation to Soviet negotiators:

1. In paragraph 2, omission of the clause QTE and quoted in the Acting Secretary General's letter of October 28. UNQTE

2. In paragraph 6, the second sentence to begin, QTE A procedure was arranged in cooperation with the USSR UNQTE ...

3. In paragraph 9, the provide on offensive weapons to read, QTE provided no nuclear weapons and no offensive weapons systems are present in or introduced into Cuba UNQTE ...

In the same paragraph, the clause on Cuban action against the Western Hemisphere to read, QTE and provided Cuba does not commit aggressive acts against any nation of the Western Hemisphere, UNQTE ...

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4. The next to last paragraph to be replaced by the following:

QTE Pending such time as arrangements can be effected to provide the safeguards necessary to ensure that no such weapons systems are maintained or reintroduced into Cuba, the United States will employ such other means of observation and verification as may be necessary.

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5. The final paragraph to read as follows:

QTE The undertakings stated herein do not alter or impair the rights and obligations of the United States under all existing treaties to which it is a party. UNQTE

6. The President further indicated his willingness to accept modification of the sentence in paragraph 5 relating to withdrawal of all Soviet military units and personnel, but only in the event that there was progress toward agreement on other aspects of the draft declaration.

7. It was further understood that in the event of failure to reach early agreement on this revised ~~draft~~ draft, the United States would reserve the right to reframe its entire declaration in the light of Soviet refusal to reach such agreement and other Soviet positions that might be advanced.

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Draft US Statement on Cuba in Security Council

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These undertakings were stated in President Kennedy's letter of October 27 along the following lines:

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- (1) The USSR would agree to remove from Cuba, under appropriate United Nations observation and supervision, all weapons systems capable of offensive use and would undertake, with suitable safeguards, to halt the further introduction of such weapons systems into Cuba.
 - (2) The United States would agree--upon the establishment of adequate arrangements through the United Nations to ensure the carrying out and continuation of these commitments--

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The Under Secretary

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commitments--(a) to remove promptly the quarantine measures now in effect, and (b) to give assurances against an invasion of Cuba. The President also expressed his confidence that other nations of the Western Hemisphere would be prepared to do likewise.

The United States notes the statement made by the Soviet Union that all medium [and intermediate] range missiles, all nuclear weapons and components have been removed from Cuba, that all IL-28 bomber aircraft will be removed by December 20th, and that all sites for medium range and intermediate range missiles have been dismantled.

(It notes also that the USSR has stated its intention to withdraw all military units and personnel placed there for the servicing or guarding of these weapons systems.) The United States notes further the statements of the USSR that no weapons capable of offensive use will be introduced into Cuba in the future. We welcome these statements and assurances.

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In view of the steps that have been taken by the Soviet Union

[to date:

the United States on its part, as of November 20, 1962, lifted the quarantine instituted on October 23, 1962, and the United States further gives assurance that [provided no nuclear weapons and no offensive weapons systems are present in or reintroduced into Cuba, and provided Cuba does not commit aggressive acts against any nation of the Western Hemisphere,] it does not intend, as the President made clear at his press conference on November 20, to invade Cuba or support an invasion of Cuba.

[Pending such time as arrangements can be effected to provide the safeguards necessary to ensure that no such weapons systems are

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maintained or reintroduced into Cuba, the United States will employ such other means of observation and verification as may be necessary.]

The undertakings stated herein do not alter or impair the rights and obligations under all existing treaties to which the United States is a party. END

*Kennedy
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